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Dr Christian Wagner

Christian advises companies as well as the Federal Government of Germany, the federal states and municipalities on particular issues of EU law. Key practice areas include EU state aid law and EU funding law. Another key area of expertise is regulatory questions regarding the European single market, particularly on product safety and quality assurance. Christian also advises on European antitrust law. He represents his clients in the proceedings of the European Commission and before the EU Courts.

He advises in German and English.

What others say

„Recommended lawyer for state aid law; 'legally very experienced and creative' “

Legal 500 Germany 2022 since 2025

„Cited as often recommended - 'pleasant and competent', 'he is really good', competitor; state aid law and regulation “

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Recent work

- Steel manufacturer: providing advice on state aid and public funding law in connection with grants for transformation and decarbonisation
- Several commercial airports: advising on state aid law and antitrust law
- Municipal utilities/energy suppliers: advising on state aid law in connection with supply and disposal and broadband projects
- Federal states and companies: advising on EU funding (inter alia, Horizont, EFRE- and ESF)
- M-DAX-companies: representing companies in antitrust fine proceedings before the Commission, the European Court of Justice and the European Court of First Instance
- North Rhine Westphalia: representing state in judicial review proceedings regarding the compatibility of building regulations with the EU Construction Products Regulation
- Federal Government of Germany and several construction industry associations: providing legal opinions on EU product safety law
- European Commission and EU agencies: representing clients in disputes in and out of court
- Paint and coatings manufacturers: representing clients in two proceedings before the General Court and the subsequent appeal proceedings before the Court of Justice concerning the classification of a substance under the CLP Regulation (joined cases C-71/23 P and C-82/23 P)

Curriculum vitae

- Studied law at the Universities of Freiburg and Orléans, 2001 to 2007
- Research assistant at the Institut for Labour Law at the University of Freiburg, 2007 to 2009
- PhD on EU law at the University of Freiburg, 2010
- Legal clerkship at the Court of Appeal Berlin, including seats at the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs and at the European Commission, 2009 to 2011
- Lawyer at the Brussels office of law firm Gleiss Lutz, 2011 to 2015
- Lawyer at Kapellmann and admitted to the Brussels bar (EU-list) since 2015

Further qualifications and memberships

- Member of the Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht
- Lecturing and publishing activities in the field of EU law

PRACTICE GROUPS

- **Competition and EU law**

EXPERTISE

- State aid law
- EU law
- Competition law

SECTOR GROUPS

- **Airports**
- **Residential construction**
- **Industry associations and public affairs**